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rules.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead, just for my information of the Chair, you say this is in Rule 5?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Rule 7, Section 5.

PRESIDENT: The proposed...the motion to make a proposed change in Rule 7, Section 5 and I suppose that...Senator DeCamp, do you want to...? I guess, if we have the attention of the Legislature, Senator Morehead has made a motion and made a proposal that would change...Senator Morehead, there are no other lights on.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Is the voting board working today? Okay. Could I just ask that everybody who is present punch in, so we have an idea of...

PRESIDENT: Will the members of the Legislature please record their presence on the board. There are no names flashing up here for speaking on this proposal, so... This rule change is a matter of some interest to the Chair since we engage frequently in calls of the house. Senator Lamb, would you like to speak to this point? May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I assume, Senator Morehead, that this means that the situation which occurred a number of years ago when I first came to the Legislature would not happen and that was LB 33, a school aid bill, and there were a number of people who were not present. They were excused, they were in Kansas City, they were in Ogallala, they were in Boston, they were in a number of areas and the presiding officer ruled that the State Patrol and other law enforcement bodies could be sent out to collect those people, bring them back here in order to have them vote. So what now you are saying, I believe, is that that would no longer be possible. As long as the legislator is excused there is no way to go grab him and bring him back here, almost against his will, to be present in the Chamber. Is that about the essence of your rule change?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: I think I am speaking for Senator Withem correctly, but that is the impetus behind this rule change and we believe that this is what we have accomplished in the wording if you adopt it.